



## **Helena JSEC Meeting Minutes December 19, 2007**

### **Present:**

Carolyn DeYoung, Chair	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
Gary Willis, Vice Chair	Shodair Hospital
Robert Ward, Treasurer	Enterprise Rent-a-car
Roger Stone	Episcopal Diocese
Jim Dwyer	U.S. DOL Vet. Employment & Training
Deb Buxbaum, Manager	Helena Job Service Workforce Center
Sandy Hamlin, JSEC Coordinator	Helena Job Service Workforce Center
Dave Laber, Asst. Coordinator/Fundraising	Helena Job Service Workforce Center

**Introductions:** Those in attendance introduced themselves and the company or agency they represent.

**Minutes:** The minutes to the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Montana State Employer's Council has a new coordinator, Chris Wilhelm. Chris has e-mailed all of the JSEC Coordinators asking if they would add the MSEC members to their JSEC distribution lists for agendas and minutes, so that they can be more familiar with what is going on in each community. Members present agreed that a summary of our minutes would be sent to the MSEC members.

It was also agreed that Sandy would highlight pertinent information from other community JSEC minutes and e-mail them to the members.

**Manager's Report:** See Attached

**Treasurers Report:** JSEC checking account has \$6,200.93, and the Mike Bullock Scholarship Fund is at \$271.86. Robert said that glancing over some of the other community JSEC minutes; it looks like some of the committees are putting money into CDs. This would be a good way to make extra money to pay for scholarships. Robert will explore this option.

This created discussion on non-profit status. Gary said that Jim Nys is going to have something out after the first of the year to help the local chapters with questions. Discussion followed on possible tax implications. Deb said that in her previous position at Central Office, she knows that this is an area of concern. The Department attorney that was consulted felt like we need to do 501c3s, and it will probably be an ongoing discussion with Chris Wilhelm and Kay Strayer.

**Fundraising Report:** Dave Laber said that for our co-sponsored training with Jim Nys last month, we cleared \$92.50. As we have done in the past couple of years, we took a bouquet of flowers to Jim's Christmas Open House to show our appreciation for his partnership in training.

**Unfinished Business:** At our October meeting, the committee approved purchasing some doodads for the Helena Job Service. Sandy Hamlin and Larry Westfall visited Wayne at Montana Marketing. Wayne gave us some good ideas, and then Dave Laber and Sandy came up with a list and samples of possibilities. We had a discussion about what we wanted to accomplish with the doodads and who we were trying to reach. Further discussion was tabled pending more information.

**Video:** Carolyn recommended postponing the training video until next time so that everyone can view it and participate in the discussion.

**Hidden Agenda:** Gary asked Deb if we were going to have another open house at Job Service. It has been a while since there has been one and it's well received in the community. Deb indicated that it is certainly something we could do, and since our vision has changed over the course of last year, she thinks it might be a good thing to share at a broader level.

Roger said that he wanted to publicly thank Dave for the help he gave the Diocese the past few weeks with their job descriptions.

On a somewhat personal note, but business related, Roger said that his 17 year old son and his partner were number 3 out of 245 Business Enterprise competition teams in the region. Next week there will be an official presentation of the awards. Gary asked Roger if his son Andrew and the other student would be willing to share with our JSEC Committee. Roger said that since our meetings are after school, he felt that was a good possibility and would ask Andrew.

On another note, Roger reminded us that he use to lead a Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program co-sponsored with JSEC. He was wondering about developing this program again. It wouldn't have to be just youth, it could be anyone. It could be a one-time event or on going. Gary mentioned that maybe we could offer this to the JMG kids. This will be a subject for further discussion at our future meetings.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

- January 16
- Wednesday
- 3:30 p.m.
- Room 1, Helena Job Service Workforce Center
- Deb Buxbaum—Treats